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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) An article comprising:

a base substrate having a first side and a second side;

a plurality of receiving loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, the receiving loop yarns comprising a multi-filament yarn; and,

a plurality of stiff loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, each of said plurality of stiff loop yarns comprising a filament yarn having a denier per filament of at least about 10 denier per filament greater than the multi-filament yarns of the receiving loop yarns, and wherein the stiff loop yarns are stiffer than the receiving loop yarns.

10. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the base substrate comprises a knitted cloth.

11. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the receiving loop yarns have a denier per filament of from about 0.01 to about 5.

12. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the receiving loop yarns have a denier per filament of less than about 1.

13. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the receiving loop yarns have from 10 to 10,000 filaments per yarn.

14. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a mono-filament yarn.

15. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section with an aspect ratio of greater than 1.2.

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16. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-sectional shape including at least one corner edge.

17. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarn include a rectangular cross section.

18. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 14, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a slit film.

19. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 9, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a multi-filament yarn.

20-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) An article comprising:

a base substrate having a first side and a second side;

a plurality of receiving loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, the receiving loop yarns comprising a multi-filament yarn; and,

a plurality of stiff loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, each of said plurality of stiff loop yarns comprising a monofilament yarn having a denier per filament of at least about 10 denier per filament greater than the multi-filament yarns of the receiving loop yarns, wherein the stiff loop yarns are stiffer than the receiving loop yarns, and wherein the stiff monofilament yarns have a cross-sectional shape selected from the group consisting of a shape having at least one corner edge, a rectangle, and a shape having an aspect ratio of greater than 1.2.

28. (Currently amended) An article comprising:

a base substrate having a first side and a second side;

a plurality of receiving loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, the receiving loop yarns comprising a multi-filament yarn; and,

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a plurality of stiff loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, each of said plurality of stiff loop yarns comprising a monofilament yarn having a denier per filament of at least about 10 denier per filament greater than the multi-filament yarns of the receiving loop yarns, wherein the stiff loop yarns are stiffer than the receiving loop yarns, and wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a slit film.

29. (Currently amended) An article comprising:

a base substrate having a first side and a second side;

a plurality of receiving loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, the receiving loop yarns comprising a multi-filament yarn; and,

a plurality of stiff loop yarns extending from the first side of said base substrate, each of said plurality of stiff loop yarns comprising a monofilament yarn having a denier per filament of at least about 10 denier per filament greater than the multi-filament yarns of the receiving loop yarns, wherein the stiff loop yarns are stiffer than the receiving loop yarns, and wherein receiving loops and the stiff loops originate at ~~about~~ the same location on the first side of the base substrate and return to the first side of the base substrate at ~~about~~ the same location.

30. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 29, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section having at least one corner edge.

31. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 29, wherein the stiff loop yarns include a cross-section having an aspect ratio of greater than 1.2.

33. (Previously presented) The article according to Claim 29, wherein the stiff loop yarns comprise a slit film.

34. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 29, wherein the stiff loop yarns have a cross-sectional area that is selected from the group consisting of square shaped, rectangular shaped, tear drop shaped, crescent shaped, multi-lobe shaped, and concave shaped.

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35. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 14[[9]], wherein the stiff loop yarns have a cross-sectional area that is selected from the group consisting of square shaped, rectangular shaped, tear drop shaped, crescent shaped, multi-lobe shaped, and concave shaped.